

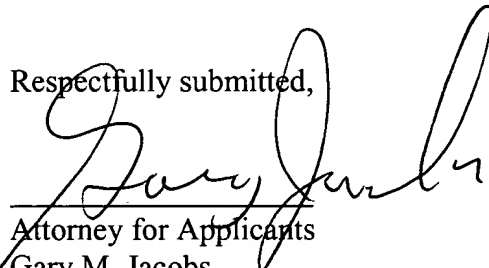
REMARKS

In response to a telephone conversation with the Examiner on June 2, 2003 in which the Examiner objected to Claims 37 and 44 for informalities therein, Applicants have amended these claims and claims dependent from Claim 37 to improve their form. Applicants submit that as amended, these claims now even more clearly satisfy 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. In addition, Applicants note that the sliding portion recited in Claim 44 corresponds to, but is not limited to, the slide shaft 54.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, and the amendments and remarks in the April 22, 2003 Amendment, the claims are now in allowable form. Therefore, early passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

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